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1. ALL EYES HERE ARE FIXED FIRMLY ON RESUMPTION OF INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA ON MAR 31. THESE TALKS, CYPRIOTS
BELIEVE, WILL DECISIVELY INDICATE WHETHER PARTIES INTEND TO
NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON SUBSTANCE AND MAKE RAPID PROGRESS
TOWARD A SOLUTION, AND THUS THERE IS A HEAVY SENSE OF
EXPECTATION IN THE AIR. PREPARATIONS ARE QUITELY PERCOLATING;
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THE PARTIES ARE REFINING THEIR NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS;
THE UN IS ATTEMPTING TO NAIL DOWN AN AGENDA FOR THE
TALKS; AND OFFICIALS ARE MAKING CAREFULLY MEASURED
STATEMENTS.

2. MAKARIOS HAS CONVENED NATIONAL COUNCIL TO REVIEW
DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING SECOND MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING

AND CLIFFORD MISSION. IN ADDITION, MARCH 7 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REPORTS THAT A JOINT MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE "CONCRETE DECISIONS" THIS WEEK ON ALL "CRITICAL ASPECTS" OF CYPRUS PROBLEM IN PREPARATION FOR VIENNA MEETINGS. NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS TOLD PRESS MAR 4 THAT AGENDA FOR VIENNA VI WAS NOT YET FIXED, THAT AGENDA WOULD DEPENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TALKS AND ON WALDHEIM'S POSITION, AND THAT UN WAS NOW ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH AN AGENDA WHICH WOULD ALLOW "SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSION" OF VARIOUS QUESTIONS. THE ISSUES, PAPADOPOULOS SAID, CANNOT BE EASILY SEPARATED AND NOTHING WILL BE CONSIDERED AS FINALLY ACCEPTED UNLESS THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE ENTIRE PACKAGE.

3. TURKISH SIDE, FOR ITS PART, HAS IN RECENT DAYS HELD SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS TO REFINE ITS POSITION; BEGUN PREPARING LAND REGISTRY STATISTICS DATING BACK TO OTTOMAN PERIOD; ANNOUNCED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT ERTEGUN AND FORMER "TFSC" FINANCE MINISTER TATAR WOULD ACCOMPANY ONAN TO VIENNA AS ADVISORS; CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISOR ORHAN ALDIKACTI ON NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS; AND REVIEWED NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS WITH "TFSC" ASSEMBLY IN SECRET SESSION MARCH 7.

4. MAKARIOS IN UNDATED INTERVIEW WITH AUSTRIAN BROADCASTING (ORF) RELEASED BY GOC PIO MAR 5, REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO REACH A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT; SAID HE COULD NOT ABANDON PRINCIPLE OF REFUGEE RETURN BUT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ALL LIKELIHOOD MANY REFUGEES WOULD CHOOSE NOT TO RETURN TO HOMES IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA; SAID FAILURE IN THE TALKS WOULD BE HARMFUL TO BOTH SIDES; AND (IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION) HOPED TURKISH SIDE WOULD SHOW GOODWILL AT TALKS, OBTAINING RECOURSE TO LONG STRUGGLE. DENKTASH, IN VARIOUS RECENT STATEMENTS, HAS STRESSED NEED FOR CONTINUED TURKISH NATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR ANY SETTLEMENT; NOTED THAT SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN TERRITORY IS DISCUSSED; REPEATED THAT ATTEMPT BY GREEK LOBBY TO INVOLVE US IN CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WILL HINDER PROGRESS; AND SAID ONE COULD BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A SOLUTION IF THE GREEK SIDE ACCEPTS BICOMMUNALITY AND BIZONALITY.

5. FINALLY, GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS CARRIED SPECULATIVE NEWS STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO "AUTHORITATIVE TURKISH CYPRIOT SOURCES" ALLEGING THAT ONAN WILL SUBMIT MAP AT VIENNA VI. TURKISH PRESS, FOR ITS PART, CLAIMS THAT GREEK SIDE WILL BE BRINGING A MAP AND THAT CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT

(A MR. MCDONALD) HAS BEEN INVITED BY GOC TO BE PRESENT
IN VIENNA AS AN INFORMAL ADVISOR TO GREEK SIDE.
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